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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of | : | Customer Number: 31824 |
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| Kiminobu HIRATA, et al. | : | Confirmation Number: 4387 |
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| Application No.: 10/576,720 | : | Group Art Unit: 3748 |
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| For: ENGINE CONTROL APPARATUS | : | |
| AND ENGINE OPERATING | : | |
| METHOD | : | |

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RESPONSE

Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action dated April 13, 2009, the date for response to which having been extended for one (1) month from July 13, 2009 to August 13, 2009.

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